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For Patrol Mentors and Patrollers

- Patrol mentors must submit to and pass a criminal background check for all states in which the patroller has lived in the past seven years;
- Discourage all patrollers from one-on-one contact with minors in private settings;
- Require patrollers to meet in places observable by others, such as outdoors with other skiers present, aulk houses when other patrollers are present, spaces with windows;
- Require at least two patrollers to be present when engaging in patrol on-hill and other activities;
- Prohibit taking minor without another adult to private areas, such as storage closets, bathrooms, hotel rooms, or personal vehicles;
- Prohibit sleeping in the same room overnight with minors unless the minors' parents or guardians are present;
- Prohibit taking a minor into the patroller's home, unless the minor's parents or guardians are present;
- Discourage patrollers from having direct electronic contact with minors. For example, consider encouraging or requiring that another adult be included in all electronic communications with minors;
- Release minors only to an authorized parent, legal guardian, or other adult specifically authorized by the custodial parent or guardian and only after confirming their identification;
- Prohibit striking, hitting, engaging in abusive conduct, or administering corporal punishment to minors or in their presence;
- Prohibit massaging, kissing, tickling, or wrestling with minors;
- Prohibit touching minors in an illegal manner or in a manner that a person could reasonably interpret as inappropriate. Generally, touching should be in the open and for a clear educational, developmental, or health-related purpose such as to demonstrate OEC technique, toboggan loading, and other patrol-related functions;
- Prohibit providing minors with alcohol or illegal drugs, and the consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs while in the presence of a minor; The Snorting Elk is off-limits to minors.
- Prohibit a patroller from being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while supervising minors;



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- Prohibit making sexual materials, in any form, available to minors or helping minors gain access to such materials;
- Prohibit using vulgar language or engaging in sexual talk with minors;
- Prohibit taking pictures of minors unless their parent or legal guardian has signed a waiver allowing use of photography for patrol-related purposes;
- Prohibit sharing gossip or inappropriate personal information, such as dating or relationship history, with minors;
- Prohibit patrollers from giving their home or cellphone number to minors without receiving permission from their parent or guardian;
- Prohibit meeting with minors outside of established times for program activities;
- Prohibit communicating with minors through email, text messages, social networking websites, Internet chat rooms, or other forms of social media unless there is an educational or programmatic purpose;
- Do not allow the giving gifts over a nominal value to minors,
- For CMVSP Supervisors
- Require that supervisors:
- Receive training on the school's child safety practices or policies;
- Make periodic unannounced visits during patrol-related activities to observe whether behavioral standards are being followed;
- Document specific observations about how those under their supervision interact with children;
- Correct and provide prompt feedback to patrollers regarding their adherence to child safety practices and policies;
- Supervisors must stop any interaction with a child that appears suspicious;
- Discontinue any patroller's or any adult's participation in activities or programs involving minors if inappropriate behavior is suspected or alleged;
- Require that patrollers report suspected violations of child safety practices and policies;
- Train all patrollers, YAPs, and other relevant members of the patrol community how to report suspected violations of the child safety practices and policies;



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- Encourage parents or legal guardians of minors to report any suspected violations of the patrol's child safety practices and policies;
- Develop a code of conduct outlining healthy interactions and boundaries with minors in the patrol handbook.